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TWO SECRETARIES BEGIN PROBE OF CARABAO DINNER

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Declarations on his policies to be openly criticized by army and navy officers. He did not comment on the letter received from the three officers of the Carabao.

Secretary Daniels also declared today that he had merely suggested that Admiral Howard should not accept the presidency of the society to which he was elected. That matter, however, was not brought up at the conference today with the secretary, nor has Admiral Howard yet taken it into consideration.

Admiral Howard will not be called upon to enter upon the office of president until July next, and he indicated today to some of his friends that there was time enough to consider the suggestions.

Invitations Out. — Fredericksburg, Va., December 16.—Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mabel E. Foster, daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. Foster, of Matthews County, to Andrew J. Phillips,

ROOT PUTS ASIDE PROFFERED CROWN IN STRONG TERMS

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Root, made in debate, that his statement advocating Mr. Root for the nomination had been given to the press in advance of the delivery of Mr. Root's speech. It was done, he said, after the speech, and done simply because he felt like doing it.

"For a great many years," said Mr. Gallinger, "I have had the profoundest admiration for the New York Senator, and if it had been in my power he would have been President of the United States long ago. I do not share with him the apprehension that his age would make him an improper candidate for the presidency. I will say further, from now; but that, of course, is in the keeping of the Senator from New York. I simply desire to say, that the record may be correct, that I exchanged no word with the Senator from New York or any other Senator; that I was personally responsible for what appeared over my signature, and that I am glad that the Senator from Missouri will be corrected."

Senator Reed spoke briefly and said he made the statement on the strength of information given him, and which he credited. "I will say further," he added, "that when I took the floor to make some remarks yesterday, I intended to speak only of a matter which was then immediately before us. When I began talking without any deliberation, I took up the other matter. What I said was without any deliberation or forethought, and in so far as I did the Senator from New Hampshire, or the Senator from New York, an injustice, I very frankly express my regret."

During the earlier stages of the discussion Senator Hitchcock offered his amendment increasing the membership of the Federal reserve board from seven to nine members. The Secretary of the Treasury to be an ex-officio member. It was rejected by a vote of 35 to 23. Senator Hitchcock voting with the Republicans.

Senator Brewster made a speech advocating a plan for the guarantee of national bank deposits. Senator Walsh, of Montana, replied to the argument of Senator Cummins, who attacked the constitutionality of the provisions interfering with national bank charters. The speech of Mr. Walsh contained many citations from court opinions, holding that Congress could absolutely destroy all national banking associations. If it possessed that power, Mr. Walsh argued, Congress could provide for any lesser modification of the bill.

Senator Root in discussing the bill

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Collar Bags, 75c; were \$1.50.
Thermos Bottles, \$1.98; were \$3.98.
Thermos Bottles, \$2.98; were \$4.98.
Work Boxes, 10c, 25c and 50c; were 25c to \$1.00.
Clocks, 98c; were \$1.50.
Penknife Sets, \$1.50; were \$2.50.

Fancy China & Glass Sets

\$20.00 Chocolate Sets, now \$9.98.
\$27.50 Chocolate Sets, now \$14.98.
\$9.50 Cordial Sets, now \$4.98.
\$8.50 Cordial Sets, now \$3.98.
\$22.50 Invalid Sets, now \$11.98.
Fancy Fern Dishes, \$1.98; were \$2.50.
Fancy Vases, \$2.50; were \$3.98.

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\$19.75, were \$38.50
\$20.00, were \$26.50
\$22.50, were \$29.75
\$25.00, were \$35.00

Itself, reiterated what he previously had said concerning the dangers of inflation. He enumerated the nine safeguards named by Senator Owen

as a surety against inflation, and pointed out that all of them depended upon the exercise of discretion in the officers to be selected. Congress, he said, was shifting its duty as a surety over to the hands of a board.

LYNCHBURG FIRE WORST IN DECADE

Blaze, Starting in Hardware Store Does \$260,000 Damage Before Controlled.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 16.—Fire this morning about 4 o'clock, which proved to be the worst Lynchburg has experienced in more than a decade, destroyed four Main Street retail stores and entailed a loss of about \$260,000, a considerable portion of which is lightly insured. The fire started in the store of the Adkins Hardware Company, 311 Main Street, and from there it was communicated to the retail department of the J. P. Bell Company and to Baldwin's drug stores, and finally from Baldwin's to the retail store of the Kinckle Shoe Company. There was a slight fire loss and considerable water damage in the building occupied by the Orchard Drug Company and Payne, Seay & Anderson, wholesale druggists, while there was a very slight water damage in the Vendome Poolroom, next door to the Bell Company's establishment.

The blaze had gained a remarkable headway in the Adkins store when it was discovered, and by the time the first fire apparatus was on the scene the flames were bursting through the roof and pouring through the top floor windows, front and rear. The entire interior of the structure was by this time a seething mass of flame, and the second alarm was turned in from South and Main Streets by Chief Sandidge. By this time the flames were leaping into the heavens nearly to the height of the eleven-story home of the People's National Bank, diagonally across the street.

The principal losers by the conflagration are:

J. P. Bell Company, about \$100,000; fully insured.
Adkins Hardware Company, loss \$25,000; insurance \$20,000.
Baldwin's Drug Store, loss \$25,000; insurance \$18,000.

Kinckle Shoe Company, no statement obtainable from the concern, but the loss is thought to be about \$20,000, with about \$6,000 insurance.

Mrs. Ellen M. Wall, owner of 310 Main Street, which was occupied by Kinckle Shoe Company, loss about \$18,000; insurance, \$3,000.

Camille Christian, owner of 312, 314 and 316 Main Street, occupied by Baldwin, Adkins and Bell, respectively, loss about \$52,000; insurance, \$39,000.

Orchard Drug Company, loss about \$2,000; fully insured.

Payne, Seay & Anderson, loss about \$2,000 by water; fully insured.

C. S. Morris, jeweler in 308 Main Street, slight water damage; fully insured.

John W. and Halcumb Carroll and Mrs. S. F. D. Lays, owners of 303 Main Street, loss several thousand dollars, principally to skylight; insured.

Arrangements are already being made by the victims of the fire to remove their temporary quarters, as it is more than probable that all of them will be found at their old stands as soon as they can be rebuilt, for all of the buildings will be restored as speedily as possible, meeting the structures taking place of those burned. The two buildings, 312 and 314 were comparatively new, but the others had been in use many years.

AYRES'S DWELLING BURNS.
Residence of Former Attorney-General at Gate City Destroyed.

Gate City, Va., December 16.—The splendid brick dwelling of former Attorney-General R. A. Ayres, at Holston Springs, four miles from Gate City, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. All the furnishings were lost. General Ayres was asleep at his desk when smoke began rushing into the room. His son, H. J. Ayres, was in an upstairs room and narrowly escaped. The building contained thirty rooms, and was Colonial in style. The loss is \$20,000. General Ayres's insurance papers are at Blk Stone Gap, and he fears the insurance on the property has expired.

REPUBLICANS WILL WORK IN HARMONY TO UNITE FACTIONS

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suggest how the plan shall be ratified by the Republican voters in all States. Debate during the day practically was limited to a discussion of the need of a special convention. Senator Borah boomed out as the dominant figure among the committeemen who opposed a special convention, while former Governor Hadley, of Missouri, and William Burnes, Jr., of New York, led the forces allied in its support.

Regrets He Cannot Agree.
In closing the discussion for opponents of the special convention plan, Senator Borah expressed regret to find himself not in harmony with such of his intimate friends as former Governor Hadley, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, and others whom he held in high regard.

"I would not be candid with myself," said the Senator, "if I did not express my judgment in the situation that confronts us. The great contest, which will determine whether the Republican party is to resume supremacy or pass into history will be settled in 1916. All other skirmishes, no matter how much they may be emphasized, will be preliminary. We can afford to be cautious and patient in preparing for that great conflict. If I did not believe that the Republican party was progressive, and that 95 per cent of the party members have a heart interest in the great problems confronting the nation, I would not remain a member of the party."

"If the Republican party adopts a reactionary platform in 1916, it will become nothing but the voice of the aristocracy. I believe it is progressive, and I want to gather up that progressive sentiment and crystallize it in 1916. If we call a convention in 1914, what position will we be in? There are States with primary laws, not adapted for a national convention except for the selection of a national ticket. Such a convention would inevitably result in the selection of hand-picked delegates in two-thirds of the States, and any platform promulgated would not be a true expression of the rank and file, and would not be one upon which the party would be able to go to the country in the next congressional election."

Would Have No Good Result.
The Senate further asserted that a convention in 1914 would merely result in "falsification in the air," and that the progressive element in the party would not join in it. Turning toward Mr. Barnes, of New York, with whom he had a brush at the Hill's dinner last night, Senator Borah continued:

"There is no more astute political leader in the country, representing the views he does, than Mr. Barnes, of New York, and unless some change is made, he will just continue to be potent in the convention of 1916, as he was in 1912."

Senator Jones made a conciliatory speech and announced that while he favored a special convention, the main idea was to get together. Senator Cummins also favored a special convention.

Former Representative James E. Watson, of Indiana, who held a proxy from the committeemen from Louisiana, declared that a special convention next year "would be colossal political blunder." He said that the national committee had the plenary power to deal with methods and that political policies were for the national conventions to determine.

Alvah Martin, of Virginia, declared that the success of the Republican party was necessary to the prosperity of all the people, and that they believed a general convention would be a mistake. Former Governor Hadley, of Missouri, holding a proxy, said the Republican party needed a new declaration of principles and policies. He favored a special convention.

Senator Smoot insisted the national committee should show that it had the power and was willing to do what the people want at once. He said Republican opportunity in 1914 and 1916 already was before the party as a consequence of the Democratic record in Congress up to date.

Progressives Meet at Chicago.
Chicago, December 16.—Representative members of the Progressive party from every congressional district in Illinois met here today and informally agreed that Frank G. Allen, of Moline, should be the party's candidate for the United States Senate next year.

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Edwards-Shirley.
Heathsville, Va., December 16.—Miss
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and Elias Warren Edwards, of Election,

were married to-day at noon at the
home of Mrs. S. A. Rice, in Baltimore.

The bride was given away by her
father, G. D. Shirley, of Heathsville.
Thomas Clawson Slaughter, of Reed-
ville, acted as best man, and Miss
Margaret Rice, of Baltimore, was maid
of honor.

Immediately after the ceremony the
bride and groom left for a Southern
trip. On their return they will live
at Election.

Rev. W. B. Carter Accepts Call.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., December 16.—
Rev. W. Brooke Carter, of Caroline
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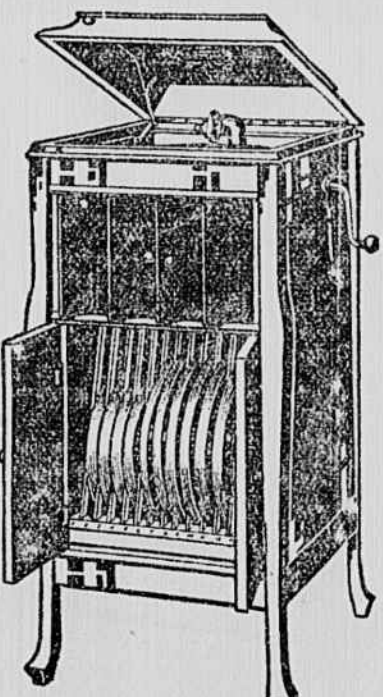
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